

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 12, 2026

10:00 a.m.

—THE APPROACH TO GOD—

PRELUDE *Psalm Prelude* Stephen Burtonwood

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsively*

Welcome to this place!

We come into the presence of the Lord!

God invites us to share our joy!

We come bringing our songs and joys!

God invites us to share our pain.

We come bringing our sorrow and fears.

God invites us to worship!

We are here to worship the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

SALUTATION

*HYMN

The God of Abraham Praise - #39 (vs. 1-3)

Tune: LEONI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In Unison

Patient and persistent God,

we come, polished and presentable,

to this comfortable room as if we knew what to expect,

as if this were a safe and predictable place,

as if we could simply observe.

Holy One, forgive our tepid expectations.

In the mystery of your love, overshadow us.

Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts

until we bloom and spill with your passion

to serve in a world that is wasting. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Romans 8:1-11

CHILDREN'S TIME

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*HYMN

Speak, O Lord - #755

Tune: SPEAK, O LORD

—THE WORD OF GOD—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 25:19-34

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON *The Struggle, the Growth, and the Kingdom of Heaven*

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

—THE RESPONSE TO GOD—

*HYMN

I Believe in God Almighty - (see back side of bulletin) Tune: IN BABILONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP PAD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Prelude (Homage to Jean Langlais)* James Conely

*DOXOLOGY - #965 Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN

The God of Abraham Praise - #39 (vs. 4-5) Tune: LEONI

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Sortie in C* Martin Ellis

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Angel Lopez, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolhaas, liturgists; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

TODAY

We welcome all who worship with us! We invite you sign in on the fellowship pads in the pew. We would appreciate it if you took a moment to sign in yourself and your family members and let us know you were here. If you are joining us as a guest today, please use the QR code to the right or head to trcholland.org/quickstart to let us know you were here.



The flowers by the chancel are given by Al and Jane Osman.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Sandy Stielstra, Jeff Voskuil, Bethany Bulthuis. Tech Team: Steve Orlow, Marj Hoekstra, Mike Rannow, Greyson Boes, Ramon Castelo.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others, Kim and Matt DeJongh will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer located in the south hallway on the main level.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

Please remember to have someone notify the church office when you are in the hospital so you can receive spiritual care by the pastoral staff. Call 616-392-1459.

You are invited to attend the ordination service of Nick Loubert today, at 4:00 p.m., at Central Reformed Church, 10 College Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI. A cookie reception will follow. **Bus transportation (no air conditioning) will be available from TRC. The bus will leave at 3:00 p.m. Let Roger DeYoung know if you plan to ride the bus.**

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Pray for Bill Unzicker who is recovering from surgery. Pray for Betty VanWyngarden, Jane Dalman. Appledorn-Elaine Coffill; Holland Cortland-Barb Piaget. Missionaries - Linn G. (Asia), Lubna Y (Asia).

Are You Thinking of Exploring Membership at Third Reformed Church?

We would like to offer an opportunity for you to discern about making Third Reformed your church home through membership. We would be delighted for you to consider joining us as we walk together in Christ in worship, ministry, and service.

We are inviting new, regular attenders to gather for a time of getting acquainted, asking questions, and hearing from TRC's pastors about our church's rich foundation, faith tradition, current ministries, and vision for the future. We hope this experience will help you explore commitment and belonging in our congregation.

Our next Exploring Membership class will take place in the upcoming fall semester. If you have questions or would like to have time for conversation with one of the pastors beforehand, we would love to meet with you and chat.

To sign up, please email your RSVP to Pastor Janelle at janelle.lopezk@trcholland.org.

Dates: Wednesdays at 6:30pm; September 16, 23, October 7, 14.

WALK-IN CHOIR: Love to sing, but are busy during the school year? Now's your chance to join the choir. You just need to show up in the choir room at 9:15 on Sunday, July 19, and/or August 16 to rehearse before the worship service. Middle schoolers and up are encouraged to come sing praises to the Lord!



REMINDER: Summer LIFT is this week July 13-16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Creation Care presenters for high schoolers to adult include:

- Artist-in-residence Joel Schoon-Tanis, who will share about his projects “Shalom” and “Red Alert” (much of which will be on display) as they relate to God’s design for creation.
- Rev. Dr. Ron Rienstra will give an overview of the creation care organization A Rocha.
- And an artist from Cultureworks will lead us in drawing exercises that help us notice nature (no art experience required).
- Rev. Dr. Sue Rozeboom will share about her flourishing backyard that is filled with native plants.

THIS WEEK

Monday

- 5:30 p.m. Summer LIFT

Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Summer LIFT

Wednesday

- 6:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (Zoom)
- 12:00 p.m. Brown Bag Lunch Book Group
- 5:30 p.m. Summer LIFT

Thursday

- 5:30 p.m. Summer LIFT

Friday

- 10:00 a.m. High School Bible Study

I Believe in God Almighty



I be - lieve in God Al - migh - ty, Fa ther of all
I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and
I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the



things that be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens,
cru - ci - fied, tak - en from the cross, was bur ied-
saints with - in one Church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly,



Keep - er of the sky and sea. I be - lieve in God's Son
True Life there had tru - ly died. I be - lieve that on the
where for - give - ness frees from sin, in the bo - dy's re - sur -



Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the
third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then as -
rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain gives the



Spir - it and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.